Glut in cotton market

25. SHRl H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the relaxation of using cotton up to 20 counts has created a glut in the cotton market and has affected the farmers adversely; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRl CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH), (a) There is no such decision of the Government relaxing the use of cotton up to 20 counts which has created a glut the cotton market and affected the farmers adversely.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of silk

26. SHRl H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka is the biggest producer of silk in India; and

(b) what are the figures of silk production during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached.

Statement

Production of Raw Silk during the years 1981-82 to 1983-84

(in Lakh kg.)

	States	1981-82	1982-83	1983-8
1	Andhra Pradesh	5.65	7.56	9.09
2	Assam	1.71	1.89	2.45
3	Bihar	1.90	1.70	2.93
4	Jammu and Kashmir	0.76	0.49	0.44
5	Madhya Pradesh	0.54	0.45	0.60
6	Karnataka	30.00	32.00	38.45
7	Punjab	—	—	0.02
8	Tamil Nadu	5.30	5.00	6.40
9	Uttar Pradesh	0.05	0.18	0.17
10	West Bengal	6.19	6.82	7.18
11	Himachal Pradesh	0.02	0.03	0.03
12	Megbalaya	—	—	0.44
13	Manipur	0.34	0.35	0.06
14	Tripura	0.01	0.02	0.01
15	Orissa	0.02	0.51	0.73
16	Others	—	—	0.23
	TOTAL :	52.49	57.00	64.23

State-wise production figures for the year 1984-85 have not yet been compiled.